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### BOY SCOUTS

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### ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual meeting of the Boy Scouts' Association of Hong Kong, held at St. John's Cathedral Hall last evening, the need for more officers for the local branch was strongly stressed. Regret was expressed at the forthcoming departure of Mr. C. H. Blason, who had done much for the local Boy Scout movement.

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) Chief Scout of Hong Kong. His Excellency was supported by the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., L.L.D. (President), the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave (Commissioner) and other officers of the Association.

His Excellency said: I have the advantage, which you have not yet had, of reading the report of last year's working of the Hong Kong branch of the Boy Scouts' Association. I am, therefore, able to congratulate the Council and its Executive Committee on very good work done during 1928. The Boy Scouts now form an important element in the educational system of this Colony, and their influence is likely to increase year by year. It is, therefore, essential that we should proceed upon sound lines, and our greatest need at the moment is to obtain adequately trained officers for every branch. The training of officers in England is often undertaken in the large public schools, where boys in the highest classes are encouraged to go through a special course, in order to fit themselves to become Scout Masters. I saw this work being done at Marlborough College and was impressed by the results which may be expected from it. Perhaps something of this kind could be started in Hong Kong. While in England, I also had the opportunity of meeting the Chief Scout, Sir Robert Baden Powell, who takes a very keen interest in the work done by the Hong Kong branch of the Boy Scouts' Association, and who, I am sure, would wish me to give you his greetings on this occasion. (Applause).

### Loss to Association

We are about to lose two gentlemen, who have done a great deal for Scouting in Hong Kong. Mr. Blason, as Assistant Commissioner, has been an enthusiastic worker, and has earned from our Boy Scouts the sobriquet of "King of Shek-O." (Applause). His Excellency General Luard has also taken a very keen interest in the Scout movement in Hong Kong, and both he and Mrs. Luard have repeatedly placed the grounds of Headquarter House at the disposal of the Association. In him and in Mr. Blason the Boy Scouts of Hong Kong will lose good friends, and I can only hope that their successors will be equally interested in the Scout movement. (Hear, hear) I now call upon the Honorary Secretary to read the annual report. (Applause).

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. S. Mitchell before reading the report, mentioned that letters had been received from the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn and Mrs. Southorn, the Bishop of Victoria and Bishop Valtorta, expressing regret at being unable to present at the meeting.

### Annual Report

In presenting the report for the past year, Mr. Mitchell said:

The Report should by rights deal only with the period October 1, 1927—September 30, 1928, but it has been found advisable to cover the whole of 1928 as well as the end of 1927, since for various reasons many Scout events which should have taken place before

the end of September last, had to be postponed till November. It therefore seemed worthwhile to bring the report right up to date.

December 1, 1927, was a memorable day for the Local Branch of the Boy Scout Association, for then was passed the Boy Scouts' Association Ordinance, 1927, which affords us the privileges of Protection and Incorporation locally. There is no need to deal with this Ordinance here further than to express our very deep gratitude to Sir Henry Pollock and Sir Joseph Kemp for the interest and sympathetic support they showed in carrying the Bill through the Councils. (Applause).

### Unit Registration

The New Year ushered in a new system of Unit Registration. From the beginning of the Scout Movement, Scout Troops which latterly included Rover Scout Patrols as well were registered separately from the Wolf Cub Packs, though in theory the Cub Pack was intended to "feed" the Scout Troop with recruits, which in turn sent up Scouts when old enough into the Rover Patrols, each being in reality connected as one. There were officers in charge of each section, and though where possible Advisory Troop Committees were formed, difficulties often arose over the question of supreme command of the three attached sections. Under the new system, the unit is termed a "Group," with a Group Scoutmaster at the head, who may be also in charge of one of the three sections or even a fourth person. A complete Group consists of Cubs, Scouts and Rovers, Pack, Troop and Crew, but a Group may also consist of any one of the sections or any two, the hope being that in time and where advisable the missing sections or section will later come into being. The Old Troop Committee under this system remains the same with the same functions, but is styled the Group Committee. At present there is here only one complete Group, but it seems likely that in the near future others will attain completion, the lack of suitable officers for the missing sections being the main cause of delay. In all at the present time we have 27 ordinary Groups and one Sea Group, as compared with 22 Groups and one Sea Scout Group at the beginning of the year. It will be necessary to make a report on the different Sections or Branches in order to show the progress made.

### The Cubs

The Wolf Cub Packs, the junior section, have been fortunate in acquiring Mr. W. H. Smith as District Cubmaster. He came to us with a record of long experience and faithful service in England, and both he and Mrs. Luard have repeatedly placed the grounds of Headquarter House at the disposal of the Association. In him and in Mr. Blason the Boy Scouts of Hong Kong will lose good friends, and I can only hope that their successors will be equally interested in the Scout movement. (Hear, hear) I now call upon the Honorary Secretary to read the annual report. (Applause).

We say, here that ladies make excellent Cubmasters. We pay warm tribute to the self-denial and hard work of those Cubmasters of both sexes who are already carrying on this very important section of Scout activity. (Applause).

### The Scouts

The Boy Scout Troops, including the Sea Scouts, have increased from 22 to 24, but of the original 22 one was practically moribund, and ceased to exist early in the year, so that the gain is three new Troops. Again the growth would have been far greater had we been able to supply the urgent demand for suitable Scoutmasters. Those we have are working short-handed, and, taking everything into consideration, are doing wonders. Unfortunately several found the time required more than they were able to spare and had to resign, but we are none the less appreciative of the splendid work they have all put in. Mr. White, our District Scoutmaster, has found himself handicapped in the same way, but we hope in the near future to be able to give him the extra help he so urgently needs. We should be sorry to lose the valuable services of one who has been closely connected with Hong Kong Scouting for so many years.

### The Rover

The Rover Scouts Crews have unfortunately progressed least of the three sections. Again the cause had largely been lack of Rover Leaders. This Branch of Scouting is probably the most difficult to run, and so far its special aims and methods have hardly been grasped sufficiently well for us to expect great advance. However, our old friend Mr. Chinnikin has nobly undertaken the oversight of this section, during his all-too-short sojourn in the Colony, and we look for tremendous strides forward in the near future. (Applause). There are many fine patrols of Rover Scouts in the Colony, who are progressing well, and

recalled, but we are glad to say that many of them, with Mr. Blason in charge, will probably represent Hong Kong at the Imperial Jamboree in England next August. (Applause).

Taking the growth of the movement locally, it has been most vigorous on the other side of the Harbour, and there is a large field yet to be covered in that direction. We note that Schools are coming more and more to realise the value of Scouting as a real help in character training. The new Scout Troops are all Chinese.

It has been most gratifying to find that the camping habit is becoming stronger and stronger, and such camps as we have been able to visit have shown marked improvement in lay-out, cleanliness and efficiency. Scouting is essentially of the open air, and in camp Scout training has its greatest possibilities. There has also been far more "hike-camping," two or three boys together, for one or two nights than in previous years.

### Badge Work

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to the many instructors and examiners who have helped us so splendidly with the badge work. Our Badge Secretary, Scoutmaster Y. Fenton, has found the necessary arranging of instruction and examination a great tax on his time, and we offer him our sincere thanks. The boys have taken full advantage of the chances given.

There were two inspections held during the year by His Excellency the Governor, Chief Scout of Hong Kong, whose never-failing interest and assistance has afforded us great encouragement. One was held in January when the Prince of Wales Banner was presented to the 1st Sea Scouts, the winning Troop for 1927, and the other in May, when the "Silver Wolf" was presented to the Commissioner by His Excellency at the request of the Chief Scout of the World, Sir R. S. Baden Powell. On both occasions the boys presented a smart and efficient appearance.

### Rallies

The usual Banner competition rallies take place in the grounds of Headquarter House in the Spring and Autumn. We feel we cannot sufficiently express our gratitude to His Excellency Major General and Mrs. Luard for all they have done for us. The Thanks Badges presented to them at the Autumn rally were but very small tokens of our genuine appreciation of their great kindness and our affection for them personally, and we earnestly wish them "God speed" when they leave Hong Kong. (Applause).

The Prince of Wales Banner has been again won by the 1st Sea Scouts for work done in 1928.

We sincerely hope that this year will see some other Troop competing in first, though, for it is not good for one troop always to be winning, either for itself or for the other troops.

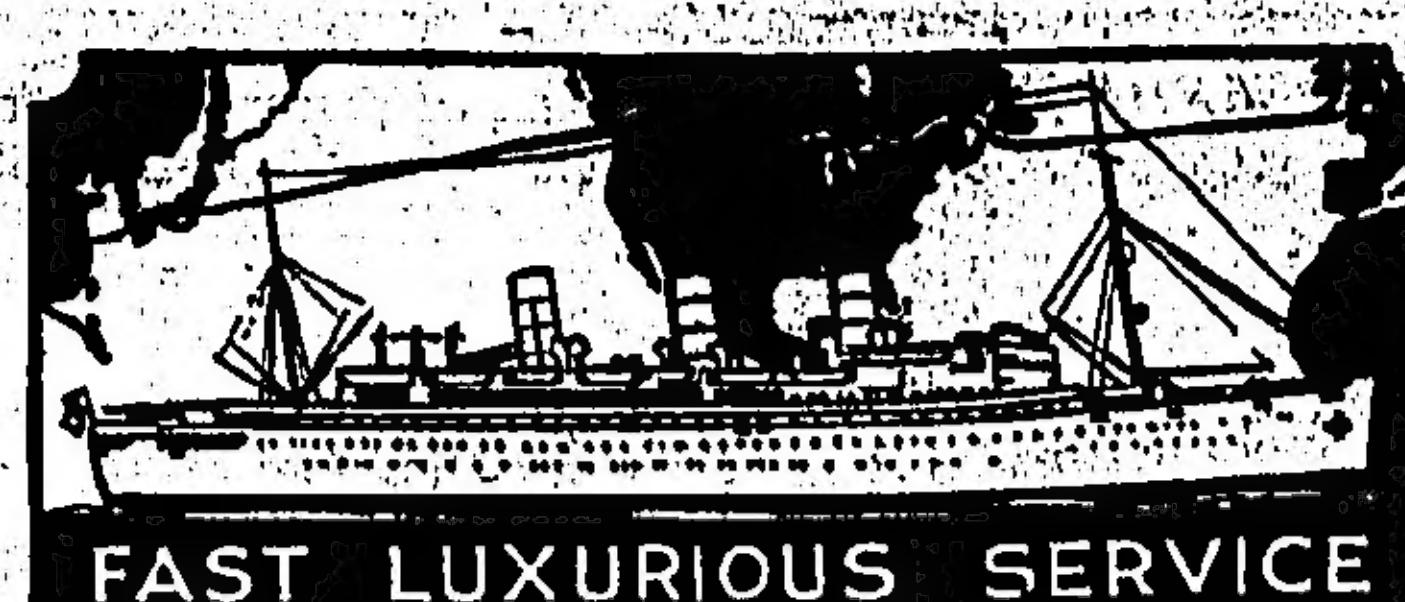
The Swimming sports were held in October. Our sincere thanks are due to all who helped as officials, and also to the Committee of the V. R. C. for the use of the Club swimming pool.

### Headquarters Staff

The local Headquarters Staff has been very fortunate in obtaining two very efficient secretaries. First of all, Mr. J. A. Worwick, and then, when he was moved to the Dutch East Indies, Mr. A. S. Mitchell took over the onerous duties connected with that post.

Mr. Mitchell had much experience in the same work in Calcutta, and we warmly congratulate our new secretary on acquiring him. (Applause).

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have made in the office side of the working has been most marked and very valuable. Scoutmaster Ip Chol-king, in charge of Headquarters, was appointed Assistant Secretary, a post which he has filled most ably.

Mr. W. K. Tait, on the appointment of Mr. C. H. Blason as Assistant Commissioner, kindly accepted the post of Assistant Treasurer, thus setting Mr. Blason more at liberty for his editorial duties. Mr. Tait's part in the running of the Association is a very important one, which he has, needless to say filled with great advantage to Scouting in Hong Kong.

Mr. Blason, who is about to leave us, has from the very first day on which he joined this Association thrown himself whole-heartedly into every branch of our activities. Even when on home leave he took a course at the Scout Officers' Training Camp and represented Hong Kong at the Wembley Jamboree in 1924.

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TANDA	6,056	5th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
TALAMBA	6,018	8th Feb.	Amyo, Moji, Kobe, Y'hama & Osaka.
KHIVA	9,135	15th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	18th Feb.	Amyo, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MALWA	10,980	1st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NAGPORE	5,283	4th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KHYBER	9,114	8th Mar.	Shanghai.
SANTHIA	7,754	15th Mar.	Amyo, Moji, Kobe, Y'hama & Osaka.
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Kuba via Redding, Shan-		Wed. 30th Jan. at 7 a.m.
Moj.	HOSANG	Sun. 3rd Feb. at 7 a.m.
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Osaka via Moji & Koba.	KUTSANG	24th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta.	SUISSANG	Sat. 25th Feb. at 3 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta.	FOOKSANG	2nd Feb. at 1 p.m.
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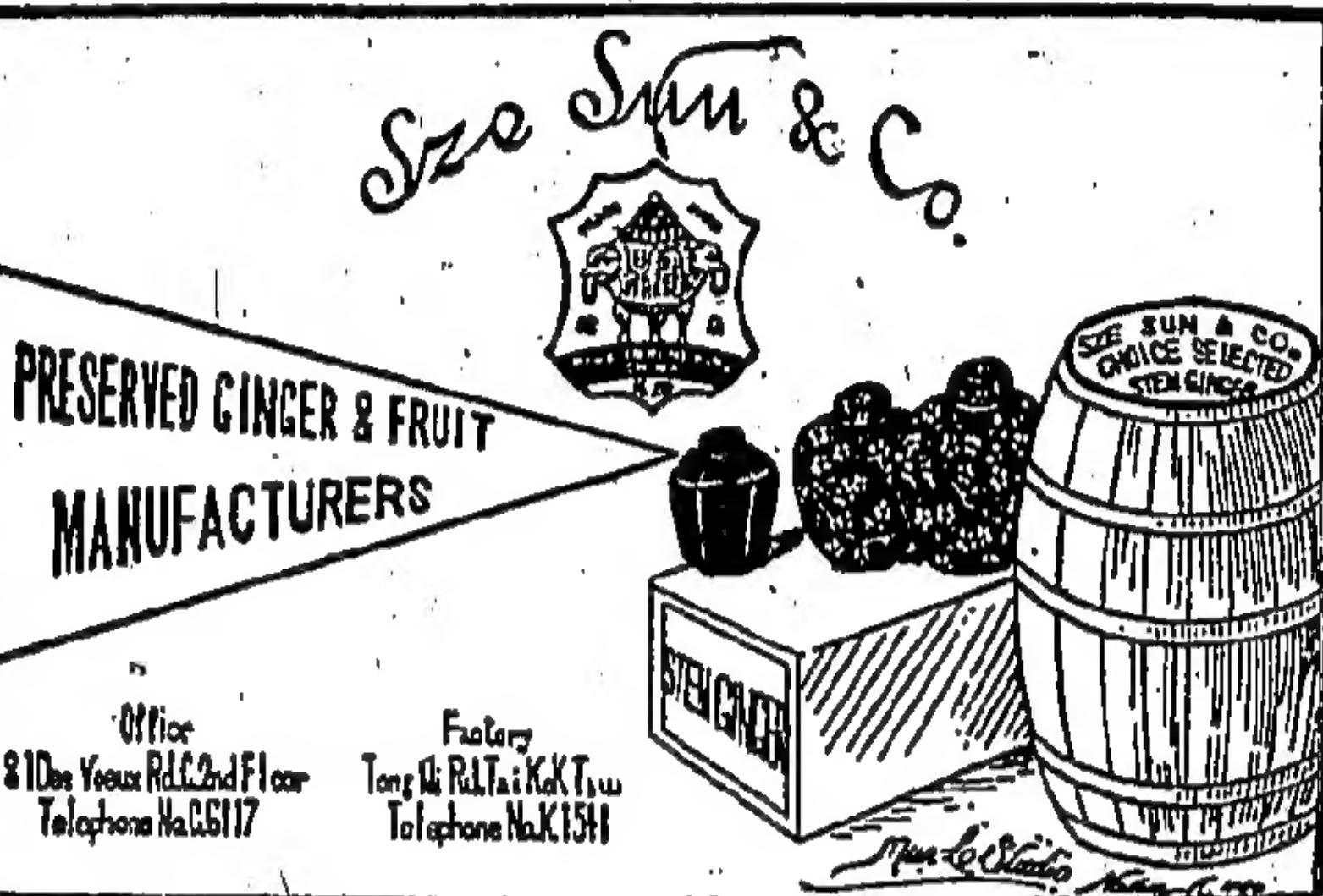
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The great works of the world always begin with one person. Emerson put a sermon into a dozen words, "A great institution is but the lengthened shadow of a single man." It is not the organisation that creates. Man creates; organisation builds. Organisation for co-operation, yes. But always the individual for the initiative. Edward W. Bok, Great Thoughts.

Ten cases of small-pox, all Chinese, were reported yesterday.

Ships are warned to proceed carefully to-morrow morning when passing cable-laying vessels in the harbour.

His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Mr. A. Morris as a Serving Brother of the Venerable Order of St. John.

A Chinese was fined \$480, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, for being in possession of 34 gallons of Chinese spirits, on which duty had not been paid.

The local Red Cross Hospital Conforts Committee has been disbanded and the credit balance of \$1,719.29 divided equally between the Naval and Military medical authorities.

The Hon. Joint Treasurers of the Organising Committee of the University Women's Hostel, beg to acknowledge with thanks the donation of \$1,000 from Mrs. J. M. Alves, as a subscription for the cost of one bed-room study in the proposed Hostel.

The appointment of the Rev. F. C. Young, of the Union Church, Hong Kong, to be officiating Minister of Baptists, Congregationalists, Primitive Methodists and United Methodists serving in the Royal Navy at Hong Kong, vice the Rev. J. Kirk Macomachile, has been announced officially.

On the application of Revenue Officer Tallon, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, made an order for the confiscation of 9 Luger pistols and 100 rounds of ammunition, which had been salvaged from the harbour bed by the side of the s.s. "Benraklie," from which ship the contraband was alleged to have been dumped on Monday.

We have received a handy wall calendar from Messrs. Macmillan, Mackenzie & Co., local agents of the Eastern and Australian S.S. Co., Ltd. It bears a lithographed picture by Rhys Williams showing an E. & A. liner in Chinese waters with sampans in the vicinity. The date block, complete for both the years 1929 and 1930, shows two months together on each sheet.

The Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong in his private chapel on January 22 licensed the Rev. George Kingsford Carpenter, M.A., B.Sc., to officiate in his diocese. The Rev. G. K. Carpenter is a late scholar of Trinity College, Dublin, and for the past six years has been an assistant master at Trinity College, Foochow, in the diocese of Fukien. He is now serving as an assistant master at St. Stephen's Boys' College, Hong Kong.

**TALENTED TRIO****FAREWELL CONCERT IN THE THEATRE ROYAL**

There was a most appreciative audience at the Theatre Royal last night for Mr. William Heughan's farewell concert. The singer showed again his marvellous versatility in songs ranging from Russian opera to quaint old Scottish and English folk songs. Many numbers were given, "by request," and he delighted the audience by numerous encores.

Miss Bell gave some charming cello solos and Miss Sayer proved herself as always a perfect accompanist and pianist. When the curtain fell, the audience hoped that a better piano would be forthcoming and one more Dorothy Sayer power.

**"CATHRYN"****NEW ADDED ATTRACTION FOR QUEEN'S****AMERICAN DANCER**

Hong Kong lovers of classical dancing will soon have an opportunity to see one of the world's most noted exponents of Greek and interpretive dancing in the person of "Cathryn," who has been secured by the management of the Queen's Theatre for a short season commencing Sunday next. "Cathryn," as she is known on the stage, arrives from Shanghai where she proved one of the greatest attractions there in recent months. A wide variety of items will be given during the local season, and classical, interpretive and oriental dances will be included in the opening programme. There should be crowded houses at the Queen's next week to see this talented dancer. A complete change of programme will be given on Tuesday and Thursday.

**"KEEP MOVING"****TALENTED COYNE COMPANY****AT STAR THEATRE**

Fred Coyne's Musical Company repeated their very bright entertainment at the Star Theatre last evening before a good attendance. Throughout a programme of bright humour and good singing Mr. Sidney Burl was most prominent and a warm favourite with the audience, and Mr. Fred Coyne, in a quieter role, provided a nice contrast, the humour being well sustained by these members of the Company.

Miss Joan Carlin sang delightfully as did Miss Paula Lorraine, the latter lady possessing an exceptionally fine voice.

Miss Joyce Mason was a most dainty dancer and her items were much appreciated, the dancing portions of the programme being popular items. Roy Shirley was also a clever performer.

Mention must be made of the extremely clever performance at the piano of Miss Winifred Vivian, R.C.M., whose accompaniments throughout were most daintily rendered.

The whole performance possessed variety in humour and song and goes with a swing.

**WITCHCRAFT STUDY****LADY DOROTHY MILLS ON WAY TO AFRICA**

"I believe in magic," declared Lady Dorothy Mills to a Liverpool correspondent before she sailed for West Africa on her mission to study and if possible to penetrate the mysteries of witchcraft.

Lady Dorothy, who is a daughter of the Earl of Orford, sailed on the steamer "Boma." She will be away four months and expects to travel two thousand miles and to mix with the primitive races of West Africa.

"Witchcraft has a fascination for me," she said. "The African witch-doctor gives to natives a medicine which is mixed up with so-called magic. I have seen so much of this African magic that I cannot call it rot. As a matter of fact I rather believe in it. Their magic has something to do with what we call psycho-analysis and auto-suggestion."

"The primitive peoples certainly know more about nature, in their rough way, than we do. They are not clogged up with materialism, misbeliefs, pre-occupations, and scepticism. They are accordingly in closer touch with natural forces. By travelling without any white companion I hope to gain the confidence of these people and get their assistance in my endeavour to find a peep-hole through the barrier of mysticism which stands between them and civilisation. I am not a scientist, but I hope I shall gather some information which will shed light on secret mysteries of primitive races."

The Christmas Circus was being organised, and the manager had before him a man who had applied for a situation.

"Look here," said the manager, "you say you could give a turn-can you ride a horse?"

"I should say so," replied the applicant. "I've served seven years in a cavalry regiment."

"Humph. You're all right there then," said the manager.

"Well, I'll tell you what—I'll engage you to do a turn entitled 'Cossack riding' — Russian act,

you know—that suit you?"

"Look here," said the man,

suspiciously, "I said I'd ride a horse—but I should look a darned fool trying to ride a Cossack!"

It was midnight. In the smoking room of a club a young man sat huddled in a chair. A friend entered.

"Hello, Smith," he asked cheerfully "not going home yet?"

"No," muttered the despairing one. "I—daren't."

"Why, what's the matter?"

"Matter? It's the end of everything. It means ruin, grief, and a spoiled life!"

The friend looked frightened.

"Here, tell me what's up. Perhaps I can help you."

Smith clenched his fist until his knuckles showed white.

"No one can help me," he cried.

"In agony?" "I have come to the end of all things!" At eight o'clock I telephoned to my wife and gave her a perfectly good excuse, and went to bed straight home and—had a nice quiet night.

"I've forgotten what I said."

**P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT**

Wife (complainingly): "I thought you were only going out for a second?"

Husband: "Yes, dear; and I've had it."

Disguised Policeman: "I suppose you do a bit of poaching, mate?"

Village Yokel: "Aye."

Disguised Policeman: "How often?"

Village Yokel (with a wink): "When missus is poorly an' I cooks my own breakfast!"

Wife (examining day's catch): "Is it true that fish go about in schools?"

Hubby: "Yes, my dear; why?"

Wife: "Oh, by the size of these I should think you have disturbed an infant class."

"Yes, it's really remarkable," observed mother, at the head of the table. "Johnny seems to eat twice as much chicken when we have visitors."

"Indeed!" exclaimed the visitor. "And why is that, Johnny?"

Johnny (with his mouth full of chicken): "Cause that's the only time we have it!"

The parlour sofa held the twain

Fair damsel and her lovely swain;

Headshe

But, hark! A step upon the stair!

And mother finds them sitting there.

He—and She.

Customer: "I asked you specially for small potatoes, and you sent big ones."

Greengrocer: "I don't know why you're so particular. Time you cut the bad out of them they'll be the same size as the small ones."

Two clubmen were discussing the relative merits of their wives.

"My wife looks after me, I can assure you," said one of them. "Why, she takes off my boots for me in the evening."

"Ah! When you come home from the club?" suggested the other.

"No," was the reply, "when I want to go there!"

Mrs. Stukkup: "Tell the gentleman I'm not receiving today, Jane."

New Servant: "But he ain't deliverin', ma'am; he's collectin'! He's come for the piano."

Jack was in great trouble; he was worrying very much.

"Tell me all about it," said his pal Bill. "Get it off your chest, lad."

"I only wish I could," groaned Jack. "I've got Marguerite tattooed there, and the girl I'm engaged to marry is named Julla."

The cyclist had lost his way and had inadvertently got on a private road. Suddenly he was confronted by a very stout irate bailiff.

"Look here, young man," bawled the bailiff, "you go back! You'll not proceed any farther, except over my dead body!"

"Very good," replied the cyclist.

"If it's like that I'll go back. I've done enough hill climbing to-day already!"

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## JAPANESE DIET

Baron Tanaka on Relations With China

## CHANG TSO-LIN'S DEATH

## Japan Recovering From Last Financial Panic

Tokyo, Yesterday.  
As anticipated, the speech of Baron Tanaka (the Premier), in his capacity as Foreign Minister, to the Diet, dealt mainly with the Japanese Government's policy towards China, but the keynote of the whole speech was the reiteration of the stand regarding "Manchuria as distinguished from the rest of China." —Reuter.

## Cordial Relationship

At the opening session of the Imperial Diet, in his speech on the foreign policy of Japan, Baron Tanaka referred to the cordial relationship existing between Japan and foreign powers. He spoke on Japan's policy toward China as follows:

"Turning now to the situation in China it is highly gratifying for this Empire which always has at heart the welfare of the Chinese people to note that strife and warfare which have been prevalent in China for more than fifteen long years are gradually subsiding, and everything appears to point to peace."

"This Government is sincerely desirous that the Chinese nation, availing itself of this happy tendency in its affairs, may speedily be enabled to accomplish its great enterprise of peaceful unification.

## About Manchuria

"Deeply sympathising as they do with the Chinese people, this Government is quite willing, in co-operation with other nations having close relations with China, to lend them assistance as far as possible in their task of construction. It need hardly be pointed out that, the path of China both at home and abroad being beset with difficulties, the Chinese Government, in order to attain its aims, should more than ever be guided by counsel of self-restraint and moderation."

"In speaking of our relationship with China, I feel bound to say a few words about our position in Manchuria as distinguished from the rest of China.

"In view of the political and strategic importance which it bears to Japan on account of its geographic contiguity with our territory and considering the historic significance which it possessed in that the region was restored to China by Japan at the risk of her national existence from the aggressive grip of Tsarist Russia, it is quite natural that the sentiment of the Japanese people towards Manchuria should be peculiarly keen and entirely different from that towards any other part of China.

## The Open Door

"Furthermore, more than a million Japanese subjects reside in the region to-day and Japan has many important rights and interests there. The interest and concern with which the Japanese people have come to regard affairs of Manchuria should, therefore, not cause the least wonder. It goes without saying that the Japanese Government will respect the sovereignty of China over Manchuria, do all in its power for preservation of the principles of the open door and equal opportunity, and desire that that region be made a safe abode for both natives and foreigners."

"It is, at the same time, fully determined to take appropriate steps when a state of affairs arises in Manchuria which shall disturb and jeopardise."

"This Government has always followed this policy in all its dealings with Manchuria."

## Tranquillity

"In a word, Japan's policy towards China is that two nations, mutually understanding the position of the other, should be animated by a spirit of conciliation in their efforts for the settlement of various questions pending between them, so that relationship may be restored between them, that will really not only contribute to their mutual well-being, but will be conducive to the tranquillity of the Far East and eventually to the progress of world civilisation."

"I believe that I have sufficiently made clear the foreign policies of this Government, in pursuance of which it expects to strengthen our friendly relations with other powers, to protect fully our rights and interests, and to contribute to the consolidation of world peace."

## Cheng's Death

Tokyo, Yesterday.  
A last minute attempt to prevent the question of the circumstances surrounding the death of Marshal Chang Tso-lin (whose train was bombed while en route to Manchuria after returning from "bedding" in party)

issue, was made this afternoon when the Premier privately conversed with Mr. Hamaguchi and Mr. Tokonami and requested them to refrain from bringing up the subject in the Diet, owing to the far-reaching international consequences that might arise out of the controversy.

Mr. Hamaguchi is reported to have replied that he is unable to do himself down to definite promise, while Mr. Tokonami is said to have stated that he did not intend to interpolate the Government on the affair.

**Stabilise Exchange**

In the Diet, the Finance Minister, Mr. Mitsuchi, observed that the economic situation of Japan was steadily recovering from the effects of the financial panic of April, 1927.

The re-adjustment of banks was making satisfactory progress. A hundred and twenty banks had been dissolved for the purpose of amalgamation in 1927, while 197 were dealt with likewise last year.

Mr. Mitsuchi concluded by saying that the Government was doing its best to stabilise exchange, for which purpose it wishes to raise the gold embargo as soon as possible.—Reuter.

## SANITARY BOARD

## QUESTIONS ABOUT WATER &amp; SMALL-POX

## 2 MEMBERS CONGRATULATED

Questions about water for cleaning purposes and the small-pox epidemic were asked at yesterday's fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board and replies were delivered by the Government spokesman. The attendance comprised:

M. G. R. Sayer (Head of the Sanitary Department, President), the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), Dr. H. A. Fawcett (acting Medical Officer of Health), the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, I.L.D., Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. J. Watson (secretary).

At the conclusion of business, the President said that it was the wish of the Board that he should express on its behalf congratulations to the two members, Mr. Braga and Dr. Tsu, who had been appointed to the Legislative Council.

## Dr. Koch

Dr. Koch expressed regret at the absence of Dr. G. W. Pope, who has just gone on leave, because his (Dr. Koch's) questions related to him.

The President, however, intimated that he had been authorised to reply for Dr. Pope. Dr. Koch's questions and the President's replies were as follows:

Question: Will the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Pope, say whether the statement attributed to him in a recent prosecution for failure to notify case of small-pox is correct, namely that such cases may be treated in their own houses provided the contacts are vaccinated and the case notified?

Reply: Yes.

Question: If this be so, what, if any, precautions are taken as regards the people in the immediate neighbourhood? Are they compulsorily vaccinated?

Reply: The Medical Officer of Health applies Section 16 of the Ordinance of 1928—that is to say, he requires the unvaccinated to be vaccinated forthwith under pain of being detained in quarantine.

Question: It was stated that the Sanitary Board permitted such procedure, vide Question 1. Is this, so, when and under what circumstances was the Board influenced to allow this?

Reply: By its resolution dated October 16, 1928. The circumstances which dictated this resolution were, no doubt, the occurrence of a severe epidemic of small-pox presenting similar features to the present epidemic.

Question: In such cases can the Medical Officer of Health satisfy himself that danger of spread can be averted especially in crowded localities and tenement houses, and can efficient and proper means of isolation be adopted among the poorer classes in the community?

Reply: I am advised that efficient and proper isolation in a tenement house is quite impossible; any person remaining there while suffering from small-pox presents a grave danger to contacts direct and indirect who have not rendered themselves immune by vaccination.

Question: In the case of a foreigner suffering from small-pox, compulsory removal to an isolation hospital is insisted upon?

Reply: In the few cases—three—in which a European has contracted the disease the Medical Officer of Health has had prompt notification and the patient has been immediately removed to an isolation hospital.

Question: Are the nurses and staff in the Kennedy Town Hospital strictly isolated and forbidden to leave the compound except for a walk along Jardine-road, and also forbidden to mix with the community? If so, why is such strict isolation insisted upon in their case?

Reply: The Director of Medical and Sanitary Services authorises me to reply "Yes." In order to avoid the risk of carrying infection from their patients.

Question: How many cases have been dumped, and how many concealed cases discovered? Can a statement be given of the cases dumped weekly compared with the cases notified?"

Reply: Dumped. Conceded Notified.

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Public Bath

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin asked questions regarding the number of public bath houses in existence, their locality, hours of service, whether the attention of the public, particularly the labour class, had been drawn to the existence of such conveniences, etc.

The President replied that there were four bath houses and one being constructed at Boundary-street, Shamshui-po. The latter is expected to be completed in about a month. The other four are located at Second-street, Saiyipun, Found-lane, Taiphingshan, Cross-lane, Wan-chai, and Pakhol-street, Yaumati.

Hours of service are:—Second-street from 7 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Pound-lane from 7 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Cross-lane from 7 a.m. to 12 noon and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Pakhol-street from 6 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. It was also stated that hot water is provided and that no fee is made for admission.

With regard to the question whether the attention of the public had been drawn to the existence of such conveniences, the President said the bath houses were well known. He was not aware of any special notice being issued. During last year the bath houses were used by 1,144,277 people.

Annual Clean-Up

Further questions by Mr. Wong and the official replies to these were:—

Question: In view of the approaching Chinese New Year when there is a general increase in house cleansing and in view of the shortage of water, will the Head of the Sanitary Department kindly arrange to give better facilities, particularly to the occupants of upper storeys for obtaining water.

Reply: I understand the member to refer to the practice by which the occupants of tenement houses undertake a special cleansing of their premises in preparation for the New Year; and not to the ordinary cleansing undertaken by the Board, which is customarily deferred during the New Year holidays. I have referred to the Government the practicability of allowing a fuller supply during this period; and am authorized to say that a full supply will be allowed for the two days before Chinese New Year day and for Chinese New Year itself.

Water For Drains

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## SHADOWS BEFORE.

## COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

To-day—Queen's Theatre "The Battle of the Sexes."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Circle."

To-day—World Theatre; "A regular Fellow," at 5.15 and 9.20 only.

To-day—Star Theatre; Fred Coyne's Musical Comedy Company, presents "Blue Birds," the non-stop dancing revue, 9.15 p.m.

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "The Butter Ole."

Feb. 16—Variety entertainment by the K.O.S.B. as farewell to Mrs. Luard, Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

Auction Jan. 24—At Sales Room, Duddell-st., household furniture, etc., 2.30 p.m.

Sports Jan. 24—Ellis Kadore's Indian School's annual sports, Indian Recreation Club ground, 2 p.m.

Jan. 27—Macao International Race Club meeting.

Jan. 27—Cross-country scramble, meet at Race Course, 10.30 a.m.

Feb. 3—Gymkhana of 2nd Battn. King's Own, Scottish Borderers, at Kwantung.

Feb. 9-10—Purchase, etc. at Canton by invitation of Members of Canton Ride.

Feb. 16—China New Year steeples meeting of Fanling Hunt, at Kwantung race course.

Meetings Jan. 24—H.K.V.D.C. Sergeants' Mess Meeting, 6 p.m.

Jan. 29—Annual meeting of Officer's Mess (H.K.V.C.C.), 5.45 p.m.

Jan. 29—Annual meeting of Hong Kong Automobile Assn., Messrs. Jardine's board room, 5.30 p.m.

Jan. 31—Twenty-fourth annual meeting of Shareholders of Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., in the offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

Feb. 1—Annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

Feb. 2—Extraordinary meeting of Shareholders of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, City Hall, noon.

February 5—Forty-first ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 12.30 p.m.

Feb. 23—Further extraordinary meeting of shareholders of Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, City Hall, 12.45 p.m.

Miscellaneous Jan. 24—Reception at Club Lusitano in honour of Mr. J. P. Braga, 5.30 p.m.

Jan. 24—H.K.V.D.C. M. I. Reception dinner, Hong Kong Hotel, 8 p.m.

Jan. 29—H.K.V.D.C. Battery Dinner.

Jan. 26, 29, 31—Hong Kong Amateur Dramatic Club presents "On Approval."

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MODERN DRAMA

## THE BATTLE OF THE SEXES

## TO-DAY AT QUEEN'S

D. W. Griffith's latest big production, "The Battle of The Sexes" will be the chief attraction at the Queen's Theatre from to-day to Saturday. The plot itself is an extremely simple one and concerns a chapter that could happen in the lives of everyone. Through an act of fate, a happy, successful business man finds himself the possessor of a large fortune. Lured by his wealth, a beautiful adventuress contrives to burst in upon his tranquil life with startling results. Instantly a bitter war is waged between wife and vampire resulting in an immense dramatic dénouement. Griffith is said to have directed this picture with his usual skill, presenting the same blend of artistry and entertainment which have characterised such noteworthy productions as "Way Down East," and "Orphans of The Storm." Subtle comedy is frequently introduced, this being in the capable hands of Phyllis Haver, as the vamp, Jean Harlow, Don Alvarado, Sally O'Neill, and Belle Bennett are among the principals of the large cast. "The Battle of The Sexes" is the most recent release from the United Artists Studio.

At the last meeting of the Council of the Royal Empire Society the following were among the Fellows elected:—British Malaya: Hon. A. G. Glenister (Ipoh), H. L. Molynex (Ipoh), Hon. Cheah Cheang-lim, M.F.C., J.P., F.R.S.A. (Ipoh Kinta) Douglas McFarlane (Singapore), Soo Hoy-hum, M.B. (Kuala Lumpur), Reginald E. Walker (Kuala Lumpur). China: Colin Campbell, David Turnbull, and Roderick Matheson, all of Shanghai.

A serious accident occurred recently



# Sport Column

**RUGGER**INTERPORT TRIAL  
TO-MORROW

CLUB V. ARMY

The first Interport rugby trial will be played to-morrow evening at 5 p.m. at Happy Valley between the Club and The Army. The Army are fielding a powerful side whilst the Club will be at approximately full strength.

Teams:

Club:—J. Ride; L. Goldman, R. J. Greive, H. V. Koop, M. D. Scott; V. W. L. Stanlon, J. L. Bonnar; P. L. P. Thomas, H. F. Akehurst, W. Beveridge, J. Riddell, E. R. West, W. Lithgow Smith, R. P. Moodie, and B. P. Massey.

Army:—Lt. Gunning (Beds & Herts); Lt. Rickman (Beds & Herts), Lt. Evans (Somerset L. I.); Pte. Wiseman (Beds & Herts), Pte. Squires (Beds & Herts); Lt. Foord (Queen's); Lt. Johnson (Beds & Herts); Lt. Keeloy (Queen's), Lt. Yate Lee (Beds & Herts), Lt. Thickness (Somerset L. I.), Corp. Moggs (Somerset L. I.), Corp. Dithers (Beds & Herts) Corp. Richardson (K.O.S.B.), Pte. Woulley (K.O.S.B.), A. N. Other.

Reserve:—J. Merry.

Referee:—H. L. F. Ewin.

**HOCKEY**LADIES' MATCH ON  
SATURDAY

The following team have been chosen to represent the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club in a match against the Diocesan Girls' School on the School ground on Saturday at 4 p.m.:—F. Stevenson, E. S. Laing, Cousins, E. O'Hagan, E. R. Bell, B. Taylor, I. C. Bell, C. Ferguson, D. Stanlon, P. Goodall, M. J. Jarvis. Reserve:—E. J. Coplin.

There will also be an inter-club match on the Hong Kong Hockey Club ground at King's Park, at 3 p.m., the two teams being represented by the following ladies:

J. Andrews, B. Baker, M. Bird, A. Cressy, M. Hansen, G. Heard, M. King, N. McNeillie, A. Owen Hughes, M. Russell, C. Robertson, E. Russell, E. Tassart, M. Russell, M. Riggs, A. Steele, A. Steele, M. Wallace, J. Whyte, A. C. Way, Mrs. K. G. Nair, and Ikbai Singh.

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**BILLIARDS**FALKINER GIVES FINE  
DISPLAY

CHAMPION SCORES 99

Claude Falkiner, at the Palace Hotel Billiard Saloon last evening, gave what was undoubtedly the best exhibition of billiards of his present visit to Hong Kong. Against A. J. Osmund, the local champion, he ran out in a 800-up game with a splendidly-completed break of 375. Osmund was able to score only 99, including a break of 49. The professional completely overshadowed the local man, making 966 in all at a very fast pace, the game taking a little over an hour. Falkiner's second-best break, one of 257, was compiled in 14 minutes and included two pretty runs of nursery canons.

In a one-frame snooker game between the pair, following the billiards match, Falkiner won by 45 points to 37, and an enjoyable evening's entertainment was concluded by the visitor performing some of his really remarkable trick shots.

**H.K.F.A. COUNCIL**

A meeting of the H.K. Football Council will be held in the Board Room of the "South China Morning Post" on Tuesday, January 29 when the report of the Interport Committee will be received.

**HOME SOCCER**

London, Yesterday. Nelson defeated Stockport in a league match by four goals to one. —Reuter.

Webber, and E. Adsir. Reserves:—E. Blackburn, M. McCabe.

**K.L.T.C. v. Recreio**

The following will represent the "B" team of the K.L.T.C. in a hockey match with the 2nd XI of the Club Recreio at Marina ground today, at 5.15 p.m.:—D. S. Das, Firdos Khan, Amir Khan, Jehan Dad, Dhulam Mohamed, Feroz Ali, Ghafoor Ali, Shad Mohamed, Haribans Singh, Bhagwan Ditta, Nur Khan. Reserves:—Ahmed Khan, K. G. Nair, and Ikbai Singh.

**BOY SCOUTS**

(Continued from Page 4.)

Other friends who have left or are about to leave, are Sir Eric Stuart Tayler, who, as examiner in many subjects of a health nature, gave as much of his time Commodore Pearson who served on the Executive Committee, and Mr. T. G. Wall about to go on home leave who was also on the Executive Committee, and to all of whom in company with those already mentioned we render this feeble expression of our sincere gratitude.

Finance

The financial side of the movement needs here but brief mention; but we deeply appreciate the making of a per capita grant from Government Funds, also the raising of the magnificent sum of \$4,000 by three friends at the request of our zealous and hard-working President, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall (applause), to whom we owe so much. Much hard work on our behalf has been put in by the Members of Council under his Chairmanship and to them all we express our sincere thanks.

Local Headquarter Office and Shop have fully proved their value. Scoutmaster Ip Choh-ling is in charge, and is making the shop fill a real need. We have abundant evidence of the many ways in which he is working for the success and welfare of the Movement, and his appointment has turned out to be a very happy one for the Association.

By-Laws

We were hoping to be able to present to the Association a fully approved Re-Draft of the local By-Laws, but unfortunately the Powers-that-be at Imperial Headquarters have suggested more changes than we can make in a short time, and we consider it wise to wait until Mr. Blason has been able to see them personally and discuss our local conditions with them.

**Training Camp**

The training camp is still a vision of the future, but every day we are finding out that lectures and printed articles can never have the same satisfactory results as those obtained by practical training, and we still live in hope that that which has for so long and so prominently figured in our plans will eventually be accomplished.

Our relationship with our Sister Organisation, the Girl Guides, is growing ever closer. We have much in common, our aims are the same, and together bring to pass much that is for the good of both, and consequently for the Colony. We were delighted to see Mrs. Remington's hard work for the Guides suitably recognised and rewarded.

Our immediate needs are officers for every branch, more sure income, and a literary genius to take over the Editorship of the "Silver Wolf". We have every reason to look forward to even more prosperous growth and success in the future.

According to the statement of accounts the total expense of the Association for the past year was \$2,329.63 while only \$620 were received in subscriptions. There would have been a great deficit but for the money raised by the President.

**President's Address**  
Dr. Kotewall, in addressing the meeting, said: First of all I should like to express the great pleasure we feel in having back with us and present at this meeting His Excellency the Chief Scout whose unflagging interest in our work has been a constant source of inspiration and encouragement to us. (Applause.)

This is the third occasion on which, as President, I have been fortunate enough to be present at the annual meeting of the Association; and never before have I listened to the annual report with greater satisfaction than today. For the gratifying result shown, all the credit must go to our hardworking Commissioner, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, and to his devoted fellow-workers. As this is the first meeting of the Association since the award of the

much-coveted Silver Wolf, was made to Mr. Waldegrave, I believe that you would like me to extend to him the hearty congratulations of the whole Association on this well-deserved honour. (Applause.) Dr. Kotewall associated himself with the remarks of His Excellency the Governor with reference to Major General and Mrs. Luard, who were friends of the Scouts.

Continuing, Dr. Kotewall said: I am glad that fitting tribute has been paid to our Assistant Commissioner and Honorary Treasurer, Mr. C. H. Blason, who is soon to leave us. It is now nearly seven years since Mr. Blason joined the Hong Kong Branch and no one, except our Commissioner, has made a greater contribution to its success. In spite of the already onerous duties assigned to him, he has always contrived to find time to help in all the activities of the Association, and with that quiet efficiency which we have learned to expect of him. He takes a keen personal interest in the boys who love him as they respect him. Though he is not coming back, his connection with us will, fortunately, be preserved for a little while longer, for he will represent us in the next Imperial Jamboree. On your behalf I thank him most warmly for his splendid services, and wish him a very happy and long life in retirement. (Applause.)

As mention has already been made in the report of others who have rendered us special and useful services, I will content myself with endorsing its words, and with thanking all who have assisted us during the year.

**Money Needed**

I would now say a few words concerning our finances. We still need money for those objects which the report has specified, and I hope that our friends who approve of the work we are doing, will come to our aid. At the last annual meeting I said that application was being made to the Government for an annual grant to enable us to meet our steadily increasing expenditure, and particularly to provide uniform and equipment to the poorer boys who would otherwise be unable to become Boy Scouts. You will be glad to hear that the Government have generously approved of an annual capitation grant to us, and we are most grateful for this further evidence of their tangible support and sympathy.

You have heard from the report just read that the number of Troops has increased from 22 to 24, which shows steady progress. More Troops could have been formed but for two circumstances. In the first place, we aim at quality rather than quantity, and we will not form a Troop unless we know that it has every prospect of a long and successful life. In the second place, while there are plenty of recruits, we are short of officers, which is really the factor that limits our growth. I therefore strongly support the Commissioner's appeal for more officers. Young men who are keen to help others, who are fond of open-air life, and who have learned the lessons of discipline and leadership in their own schools or universities, can bring great happiness to our youth, and incidentally to themselves, by becoming cubmasters, scoutmasters or Rover leaders, according to their own preference. It is stated in the annual report that women make excellent cubmasters. I desire to thank those ladies who have filled the gaps in the ranks of the cubmasters with such success. While I do not wish to poach on the preserves of the Girl Guides, it occurs to me that here is an opportunity for the ladies to assist us to meet our need for officers by releasing cubmasters of the sterner sex to take charge of Troops of older boys. I hope that some of our lady friends will come forward to help us in this way.

**A Note of Warning**  
There is no need for me to repeat what has been said so often as to the objects and merits of the Boy Scouts Movement. But I should like to sound a note of warning to the boys, and even to those in immediate charge of them. There is always a danger that attempts will be made to introduce politics into

a great movement like ours. A politician is often looking for means to bring about ends which may be admirable in themselves, but destructive to the organisation he seeks to capture and use for his own purpose. Scouting must never be used as a means to ends other than its own. Politics have their place, but that place is not in the Boy Scouts Movement which must ever remain non-political, non-military and international, if it is to survive.

I would earnestly entreat the scoutmasters to impress this upon their boys, and to inculcate in them the true Scout spirit which is Fellowship and Service to all, irrespective of creed or race. (Applause.)

Dr. Kotewall proposed the adoption of the report and statement of accounts which was seconded by Mr. C. Champkin, and carried unanimously.

The Rev. Mr. Waldegrave expressed thanks to those who had helped the Association other than on the Council. He mentioned the men who had given assistance in many ways.

**Officers Elected**

The Commissioner mentioned, in pointing out the wideness of the movement, that Imperial Headquarters had issued passports which were recognised all over the world. He also stated that movement of Deep Sea Scouts had been organised. This consisted of members of the Mercantile Marine and His Majesty's ships who were thus able to keep in touch with the movement wherever they went.

The following officers were then elected:—President, the Hon. Dr. Kotewall; Vice-President, Mr. H. R. B. Hancock, Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. S. Mitchell, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. T. N. Chau. The following gentlemen were elected to serve on the Council in addition to those already serving:—Commodore Hill, Mr. T. H. King, Mr. C. Champkin (District Rover Leader), Mr. W. H. Smith (District Cubmaster), Mr. B. Wylie, a representative of the Tung Wah Hospital Committee and a representative of the South China Athletic Association.

The executive Committee was elected as follows:—Chairman, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall; C.M.G., LL.D., Vice-Chairman, Mr. H. R. B. Hancock, Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Mr. C. H. Blason, Lt.-Col. T. A. Robertson, Mr. A. S. Mitchell, Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. C. Champkin, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Mr. T. H. King, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, and Mr. A. White.

**ADMIRAL KATO**

Tokyo, Yesterday.—Admiral Kazji Kato, who was Naval Attaché in London in 1911, has been appointed Chief of the Naval Staff in succession to Admiral Kaptaro Suzuki, who has been installed Grand Chamberlain in succession to Count Sutemi Chinda.—Reuter.

**WU TE-CHEN**

Shanghai, Yesterday.—The Kuo Min news agency correspondent at Nanking reports that General Wu Te-chen of Canton will be appointed Vice-Minister of the Interior in the National Government. Reuter.

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# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

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Mr. A. C. Neelis, whose age is 61, President of the Norfolk & Western Railroad, and his 26-years-old bride, the former Miss Edith Hortense Clarke, who were married in Bartholomew's Church, New York.

The Shimmy Queen



New Monte Carlo in Tiny Republic



Gilda Gray, against whom her husband is seeking divorce. Her manager is one of the defending co-respondents.

Las Escaldas village, in the small state of Andorra, in the Pyrenees (between France and Spain), where it is proposed, a grand casino is to be organised, for the pleasure of tourists who wish to gamble for high stakes. Below, left to right, the famous Spanish beauties, Mercedes Serrano and Maria Lascudra, who have announced they will spend their holidays in lovely Andorra.

Bank Staff at Dinner

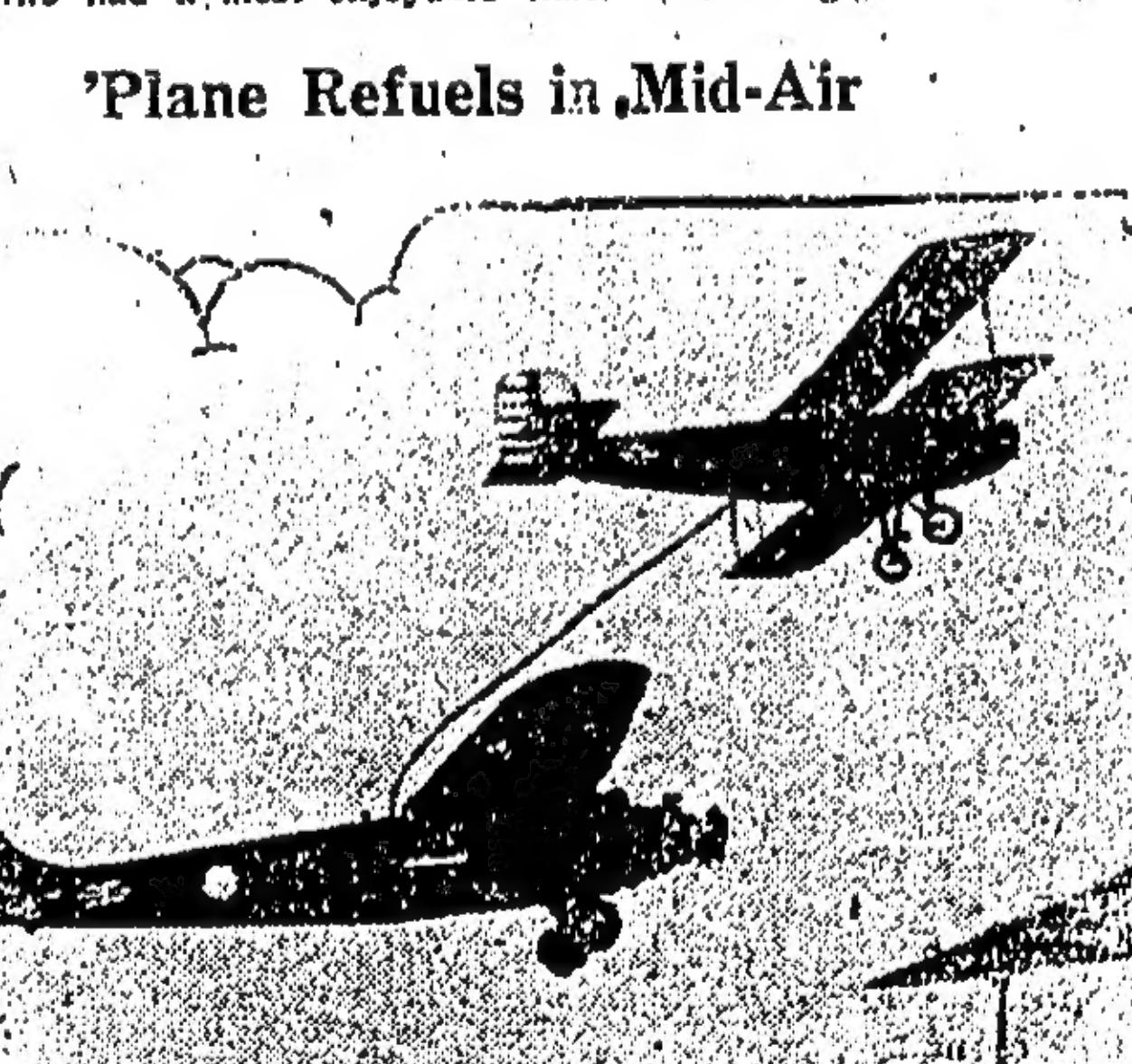


The annual dinner of the Equitable Bank of China, Shanghai, was held at the Oriental Hotel. The management of the Bank were hosts to the foreign and Chinese members of the staff, who had a most enjoyable time.—(Ah Fong.)

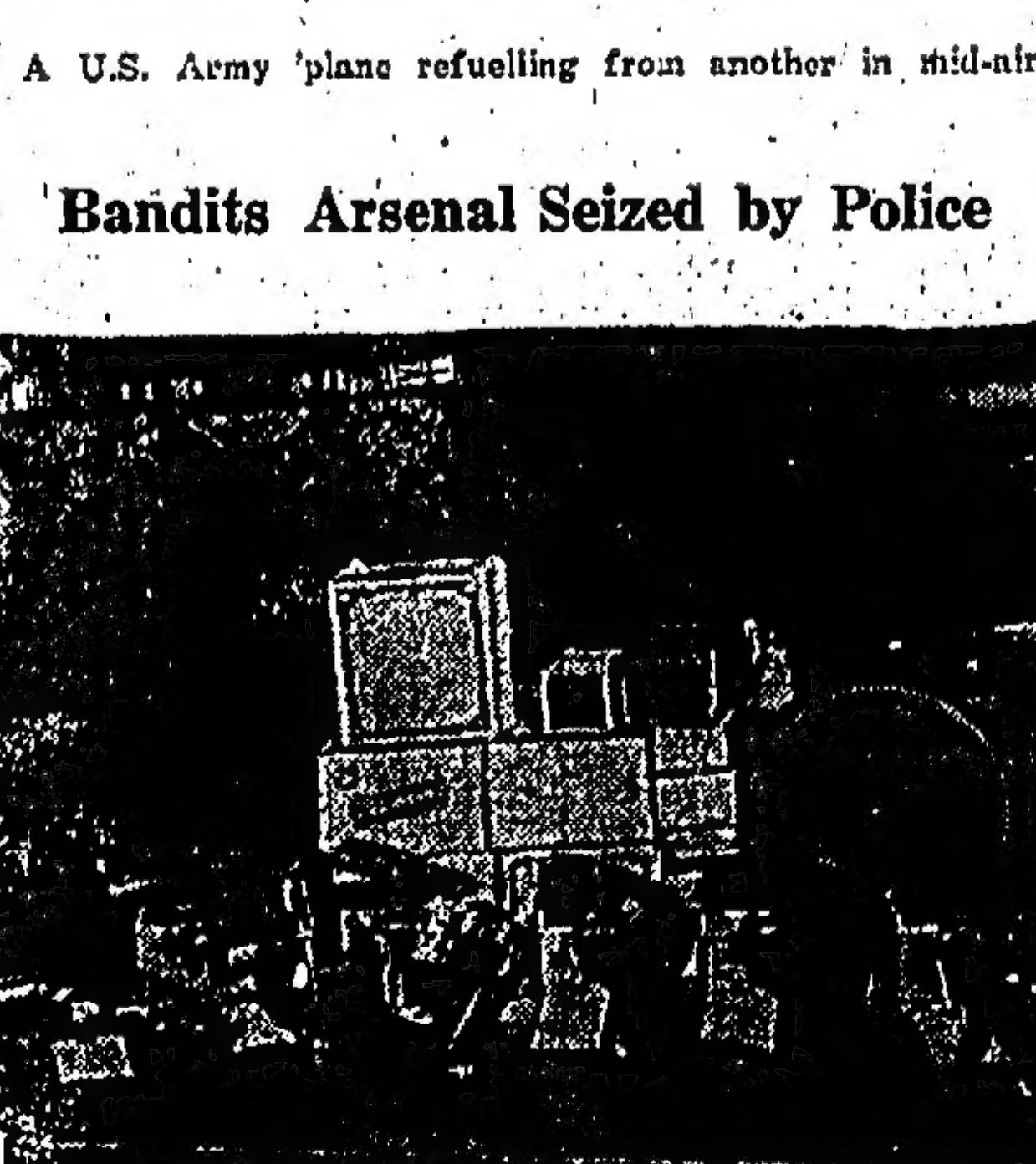
Channel Swimmers.



Gertrude Ederle and Helen Wainwright (inset), who both swam the English Channel, doing housework when it is not cold to swim.



Plane Refuels in Mid-Air



Bandits Arsenal Seized by Police

Six fully loaded revolvers, 500 rounds of shotgun ammunition and 1,500 rounds of pistol and machine-gun cartridges, seized by the New York police. Eight men were taken into custody. Officials believe the action indicates an attempt to cover up the death of Joseph Nee, who was killed in a pistol duel several months ago.

Molly O'Day



The film star who has taken to wearing a flaming red tie every day.

Mabel Normand



The former screen star, who returned to the M.G.M. studios at Christmas to make a picture of her self. Her husband, Lew Cody, has been appearing in London in vaudeville, in a sketch presented by his wife.

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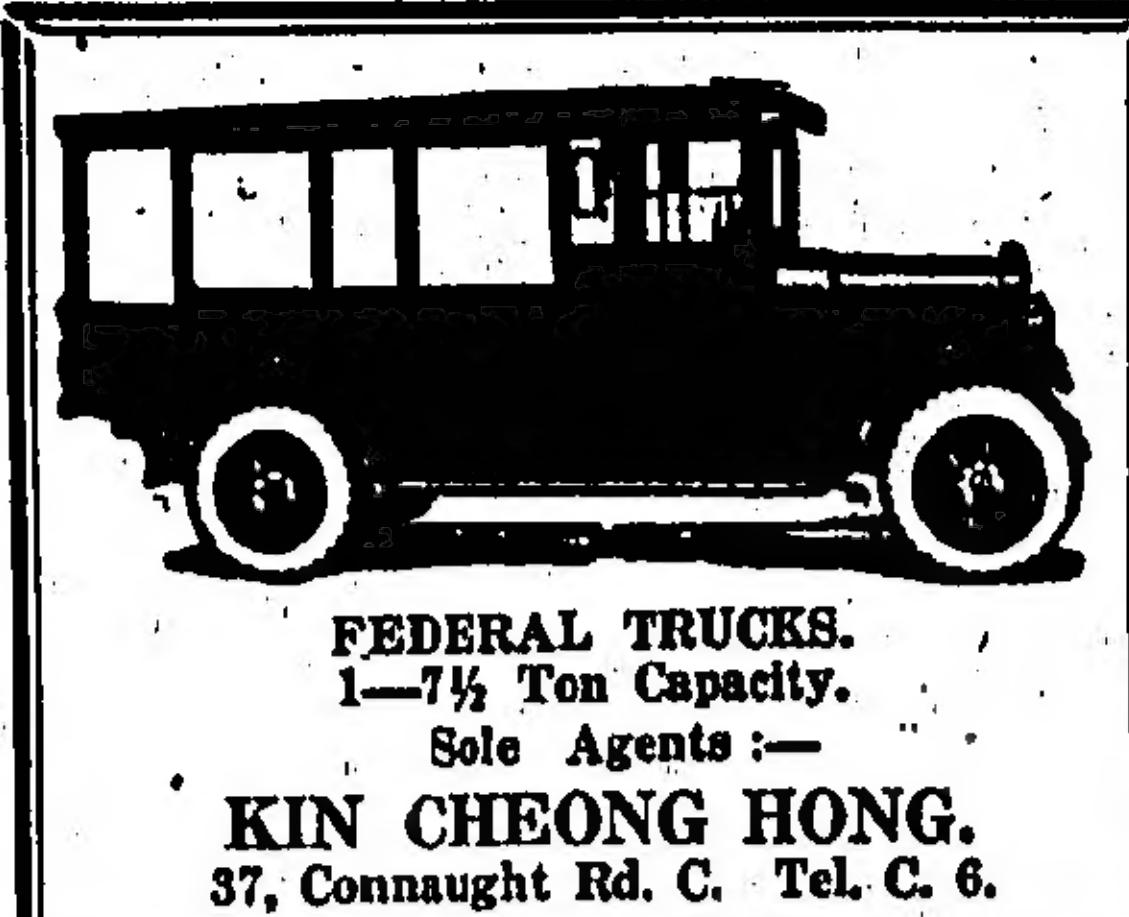
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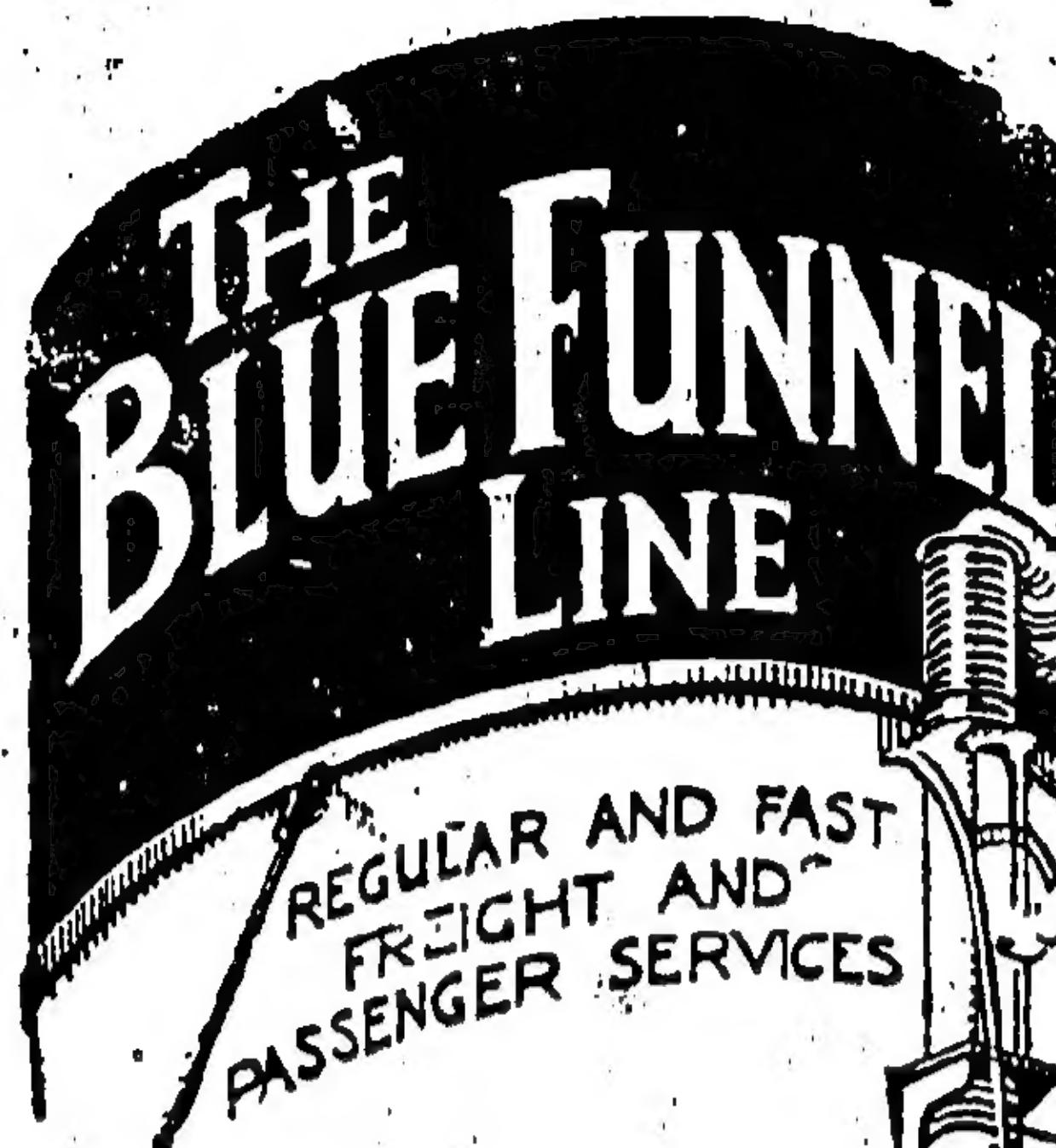
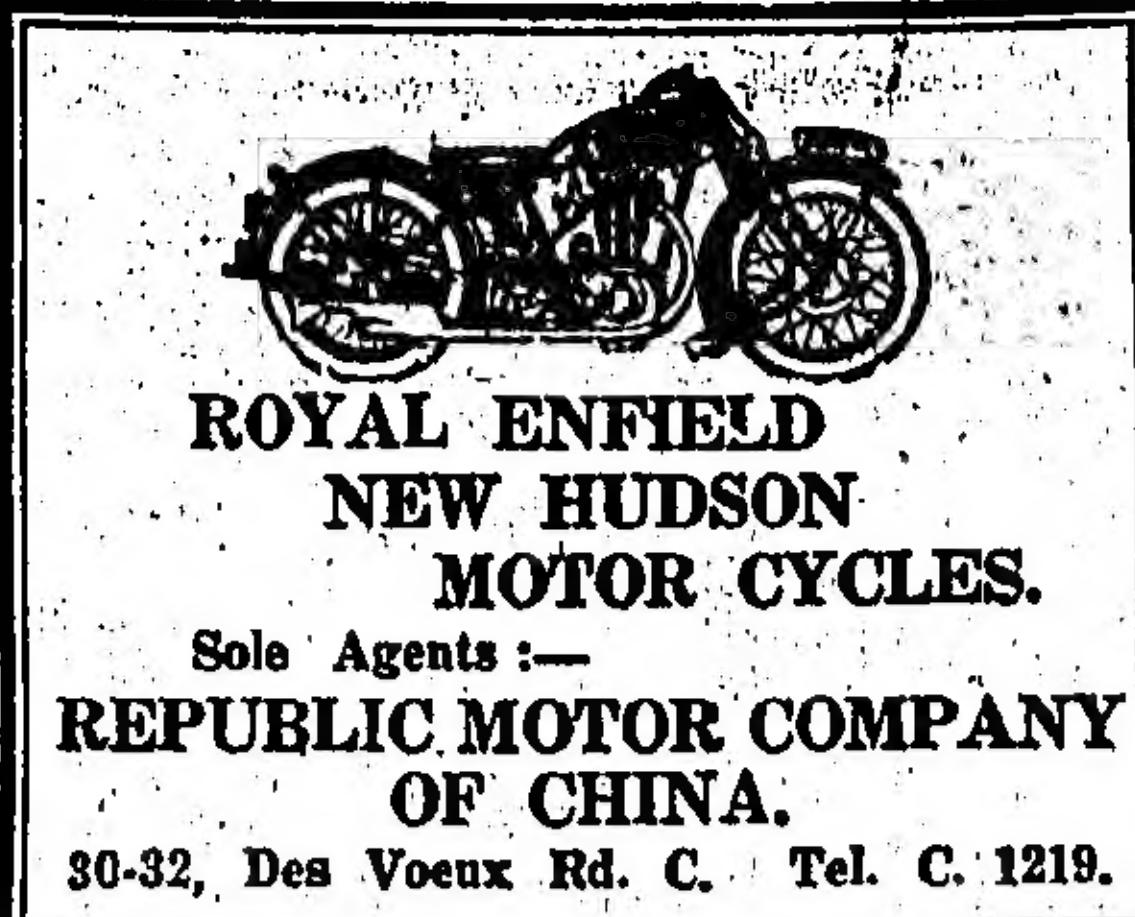




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Shanghai and Amoy	Newchwang	
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 26.		
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Hayes	
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 24.	Dalgona	12.30 p.m.
Streets	Hydrangeas	2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Haiching	1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Yat Shing	5 p.m.
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MONDAY, JANUARY 26.	Suisang	
Streets and Calcutta. Parcels Noon Letters 1 p.m.	Anking	4.30 p.m.
Amoy	President Hayes	5 p.m.
Manila	JANUARY 27.	
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28.	Bingo Maru	2.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa		
Bangkok via Swatow		
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia		
MONDAY, JANUARY 29.		
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## PARLIAMENT NOW IN SESSION

### "THE LAST LAP"

#### REASSEMBLES AFTER THE CHRISTMAS RECESS

#### GENEVA RESOLUTION

London, Yesterday. Parliament reassembled this afternoon after the Christmas recess.

Answering a question by Col. Wedgwood (Labour M.P.) regarding the evacuation of the Rhine-land, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said there had been no change in the situation since he spoke during the debate in the adjournment in December.

When Col. Wedgwood referred, in another question to the Committee of Control Sir Austen Chamberlain presumed that he intended to refer to the Commission of Verification and Reconciliation mentioned in the Geneva resolution of September 16 last. The word "control" was not used in the resolution and would convey an entirely wrong impression of the character and purpose of the body created. The Geneva resolution stated that the Powers were agreed regarding the acceptance of the principle and constitution of the Commission of Verification and Reconciliation and the objects and duration of the Commission would form the subject of negotiations between the Governments concerned. The Governments undertook to study this question and were doing it now. They were proceeding upon a resolution to which the German Chancellor was a party—British Wireless Service.

#### SHOUTED DOWN

#### SOCIALIST UPROAR IN COMMONS

#### SIR AUSTEN'S "TOPPER"

House of Commons.—The Foreign Secretary, Sir Austen Chamberlain, was the target of angry criticism in the House of Commons one day fast month.

He said, in reply to questions, that he had little to add to the communique recently issued by M. Briand, Dr. Stresemann, and himself at Lugano. No new decisions were either taken or sought.

The reparations question was being dealt with through the ordinary channels. They agreed that the first thing necessary was to secure the appointment of a committee of experts, and they hoped that that committee would get to work early in the New Year.

"That," said Sir Austen, "is all that it is necessary to say in the public interest at present."

#### NOT IN PUBLIC INTEREST

This denial of further particulars provoked ten minutes' uproar. Socialists fiercely protested against Sir Austen's attitude and at the Speaker's subsequent decision that he could not allow supplementary questions to which no answer would be made.

The House with surprise saw Sir Austen standing with outstretched arms saying: "May I make an appeal?"

Loud shouts of "No!" greeted him, and with shrug and a muttered "Very well," he sat down until the attack was over. He then replied:

I have already said in the answer I have given that I have said all that it is in the public interest of this country or in the interests of peace to say. I must respectfully decline to answer further questions.

This attitude provoked a further outburst, and Socialists kept up a roar of questions and challenged the Speaker's ruling that no further supplementary inquiries could be put.

"We will not stand this," shouted Mr. Kirkwood. "You think you can treat us as you like because you wear a top hat. Mussolini, without his ability!"

"I'll not sit down. Moonshine!" he shouted when the Government Front Bench tried to pacify him.

Sir Austen Chamberlain fixed his hat defiantly on his head, and after a short conversation with the Chief Whip, Commander Eyres-Monsell, he strode indignantly out of the House.

## SMALL-POX

### 83 DEATHS IN THE COLONY LAST WEEK

#### A FINE OF \$50

The number of small-pox cases still shows an upward tendency. In last week's return of notifiable disease in the Colony, there were no fewer than 91 cases of small-pox and 83 deaths, which is a record since the outbreak.

One of the victims was an Indian and one a Ceylonese, while 89 were Chinese. One of the cases was imported.

The following table shows the weekly return since Nov. 3:

Week Ending	Cases Deaths
November 3	22 6
November 10	31 0
November 17	33 0
November 24	17 8
December 1	33 25
December 8	61 16
December 14	91 20
December 22	81 22
December 29	73 83
January 5	80 48
January 12	85 44
January 19	91 83

#### £71 828

Further Details

Last week's return of notifiable disease in the Colony was as follows:

Small-pox: 34 cases from the city, 56 from Kowloon and 1 from Shaukiwan—total 91. 83 deaths during the week.

Diphtheria: 3 cases from the city, 2 from Kowloon—total 5 (1 Portuguese, 4 Chinese), 3 deaths during the week.

Enteric fever (typhoid): 1 case from the city, 3 from Kowloon and 1 from Shaukiwan—total 5 (2 British, 1 imported, and 3 Chinese, 1 imported), 3 deaths during the week.

Cerebro-Spinal fever: 1 case from the city—total 1, 1 Chinese death during the week.

Typhus fever: 1 case from Aberdeen—total 1 (1 German, imported).

Puerperal fever: 1 case from the city—total 1.

#### Chinese Fined \$50

Remarking that he was very sorry that he could not fine him \$500, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, the Kowloon Magistrate, fined a Chinese \$50 or, in default, 6 weeks' hard labour, for failing to report a case of small-pox.

The Duke of York, presiding at a meeting of King George's Fund for Sailors, said the distribution last year—£53,000—was the largest since 1921 and had only twice been exceeded.

A report in an Indian newspaper states that "a determined attempt is to be made by a London coterie of newspapers and financial magnates to run ready-money betting."

Mr. Vernon Gattle, prosecuting, said more than 700 letters relating to football betting were found in the office. Many of them contained very small sums, but the total amounted to £185. McLauchlan had been convicted of a similar offence in June 1927.

"No One Knows"

Sir Henry Curtis Bennett, K.C., defending, said to Sir Robert: I am sure your lordship knows what the position of the betting laws is at the present time.

Sir Robert: I do not think any body does. (Laughter.)

Sir Henry: I have found it very difficult to understand indeed. Apparently if you go to a house and take money with you and leave money for the bet you are committing an offence. If you send it by post you are committing an offence.

If you telephone your bet and do not take the money or send it, you are committing no offence. It seems a little Gilbertian in character.

McLauchlan had instructed him to say, added Sir Henry, that he had now given up for ever this form of betting.

A fine of \$100 and £51 costs was imposed.

## MORE ABOUT THE CHANNEL TUNNEL

### PREMIER'S VIEWS

#### MR. BALDWIN'S STATEMENT IN THE COMMONS

#### SUGGESTS CO-OPERATION

London, Yesterday. The Premier (Mr. S. Baldwin) in the House of Commons, made statement regarding the channel tunnel project.

He said that in view of the widespread public interest in the project the Government had come to the conclusion that the time was ripe for a comprehensive re-examination of the question. They were anxious that a very thorough examination should be made of the economic aspects of the matter, in order that these might be weighed with Imperial Defence considerations and a decision reached on broad grounds of national policy.

In view of the time required to carry the project through all its stages to a completion of the tunnel the Government were convinced that it would be in the public interest if possible to deal with the question outside party atmosphere and by agreement so that the decisions of one Government might not be upset by another. If the course adopted by Mr. MacDonald, when he was Premier of the Labour Government in 1924, should again commend itself to Mr. MacDonald and to Mr. Lloyd George, the Liberal leader, he would like to proceed on similar lines and obtain their co-operation from the outset of inquiry.

Sir Robert Horne (Conservative) asked in what way the Premier proposed to solve the economic problem.

The Premier replied: "That is a question I have to consider." I think the economic side is of the greatest importance and for some years past it has not been investigated.—British Wireless Service.

#### BETS BY POST

#### ILLEGAL: BUT BY PHONE LEGAL

#### CHAOTIC POSITION

"The betting law is certainly in an extraordinary position," said Sir Robert Wallace, K.C., the chairman of London Sessions.

Before him was John Stewart McLauchlan, aged 56, a commission agent, of New Bond-street, W., who was charged with using his premises for ready-money betting.

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